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Trouble at the Triton Times, U.C. San Diego's campus newspaper. In the spring of 1976 the editors voted almost unanimously to refuse ads from Gallo Wineries and the CIA. The editors said then that the paper should steer clear of "upsetting" its readers and avoid "inevitable controversy."

Times—including the one in San Diego—change. The editors recently met again to discuss the CIA's recruitment ads and decided that to refuse to print them would constitute "selective discrimination." The editors voted, six to three with two abstentions, to run the advertisement for the normal fee of \$50. Some 40 students demonstrated outside the Triton Times's office after the decision had been made.

So far, the paper has received eight letters on the matter, four pro and four con. All U.C. campus editors have apparently agreed to run CIA recruitment ads if given the opportunity, "It seems to be the trend," one senior editor at the Triton Times has been quoted as saying, adding that most U.C. campus papers have given editorial support to Alan Bakke, Thus are all the major issues combined.

I like the statement in the advertisement itself that some assignments for the CIA "require foreign travel." This is a tactful way of putting it. I see nothing in the advertisement about chemical expertise, which presumably means that the toxic-weapons division is already fully manned.